

To His Grace, *JAMES* Duke of *Queensberry* His Majesty's High Commissioner; And the Right Honourable, Right Worshipfull, and very Honoured, The Lords, Barons, and Burgesſes, preſently aſſembled in Parliament;

Anna Fowler Relict of *Mr. William Arnot* late Miniſter of the Goſpel at *Ebdie*,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT Your Petitioners Husband died in the Year 1696. and Left Your Petitioner with five Children, without any mean of Subſiſtance, except the Summ of Four Thouſand and Six Hundred Merks Principal, with ſeveral bygone Annual-Rents, which He had ſecured upon the Eſtate of *Cunichie* within the Shire of *Fife*; And albeit my Right and Securitie be good, Yet by the cunning and unjuſt practices of *Mr. Alexander Ayleck* who married the appearand Heireſ his abſtracting of the Viris and conveyance of the Eſtate, I am not only excluded from the uplifting of the Principall Summ, but likeways from the uplifting of the Annual Rents of which there is now Twentie four Years Reſting; And albeit the Lords of Seſſion before whom the Ranking of the Creditors is Depending, Did appoint your Petitioner to get Payment from *James Oliphant* preſent Factor of an Hundred Pound Sterling of the bygone Annual Rents, for protecuting of my Juſt Rights, and ſupporting of my Poor Family during the Dependance of the Plea, upon my finding Caution to Refound In caſe the ſame by the Event be not found due; Yet, the Lords of Seſſion their favour is Proven altogether ineffectuall to me, In Reſpect I am not able to find Caution, whereby I am neceſſitate to Deſert the Proſecution of my juſt Right, and Your Petitioner and Children Expoſed to Starve, The High Court of Parliament being the ſupream Judicatory of the Nation, And who have Power to diſpenſe Juſtice without being bound to the Particular Forms by which the Inferiour Courts are bound up, And before whom the Caſes of the Widow and Fatherleſs ſhould be Particularly Conſidered.

May it therefore p'caſe Your Grace and Lordſhips, to take your Petitioners Caſe to Your Conſideration. and to appoint the ſoreſaid Factor forthwith to pay the Hundred Pounds Sterl modified by the Lords of Seſſion without caution, upon Your Petitioners granting Receipt, and Obligement to allow the ſame off the firſt and readyeſ of what ſhal be found due at the Event of the Ranking, or to remit to the Lords of Seſſion to do the ſame, upon my giving my Oath that I am not able to find caution.

And Your Petitioner ſhall ever Pray.